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## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 10-13, 15 and 17-20 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) In a method for preparing a vaccine comprising an immunogenic construct and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, the improvement comprising producing the immunogenic construct by a process comprising the steps of:

- (a) activating [at least one first carbohydrate-containing moiety] a viral, fungal or bacterial polysaccharide with an organic cyanylating reagent selected from the group consisting of 1-cyano-4-(dimethylamino)-pyridinium tetrafluoroborate, N-cyanotriethyl-ammonium tetrafluoroborate, and p-nitrophenylcyanate, to form an activated carbohydrate; and
- (b) coupling said activated carbohydrate directly or indirectly to a [second moiety]

  protein to form the immunogenic construct capable of stimulating an immune response.

3 A. (Amended) A method according to claim, wherein said [first and second moieties] polysaccharide and said protein are soluble in water.

In claim 7, lines 2-3, change "first moiety" to --polysaccharide--; and line 4, change "second moiety" to --protein--.

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